SPORTS BRIEFS

Vernon hosts Merritt tonight

Vernon Lakers host Merritt Warriors in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight, at 8 p.m., in the Civic Arena. Lakers, who lost to Penticton Knights 3-1, Tuesday, will be without winger Stacey Hartnell. Hartnell suffered a broken nose during a 14-1 win over Summerland Buckaroos last weekend. Vernon plays its final pre-Christmas game Saturday night, in Kelowna, against the first place Packers.